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Reads to the East.

Business men of Las Vegas cannot afford to neglect good wagon roads to the Fort Bascom and Panhandle country. We are informed that the direct road to Bascom by way of White-mores ranch and Apache Springs is almost impassable to loaded wagons. This is not a proper outlet for a town aspiring to a metropolitan proportions. It affects the interests of the business men directly because it is a loss of trade. They must come to the front and urge upon the road commissioners and authorities the vast importance of mending these highways. It is useless to discuss the subject at great length. The importance of the matter is thoroughly understood by any one who has given the subject consideration. That trade belongs to Las Vegas naturally and it will come here if no obstacles intervene; but bad roads are great obstacles and must be overcome. We must have the trade and consequently must build the road. Talk won't do it but action only will secure the desired object. We shall try and keep this subject before the public until the object is accomplished.

The woman question which has been discussed so generally for the last twenty years is receiving special attention of late. The result of the agitation heretofore has been to open new avenues of employment to women until now they are found in nearly all the trades arts and sciences, and in many places are permitted to vote and hold office. The result of women voting in Wyoming is said to be eminently satisfactory and has added such an impetus to the woman suffrage movement that it is probable other territories and states will take the same step in the near future.

A man can go to the d—ogs by way of the plains, mountains and a new rail road town, with a more fatal certainty and a greater certainty than by any other route. Here away from the restraints of home and the influence of friends, the many of weak will, yields to the many temptations around him and is gone. It is by no means the worst men who go the quickest, fall the hardest and sink the lowest, but the frequently good natured, well meaning persons who fall merely from lack of stamina. At the same time many many men are made better, strengthened, built, up in every way by the conflict and temptations constantly around them.

Noble charities are as catching as vicious examples. A few years ago the New York Times organized free excursions to enable poor children to have a breath of fresh air and spend a few hours with nature. The example was followed till now all the large cities have free excursions flower missions by which much misery is alleviated and much happiness is produced.

The Conkling-Sprague scandal still continues its run in the eastern papers and has, of course, taken a political turn. Nearly all the Democratic papers and most of the Republican papers opposed to Conkling make the scandal as bad as possible while the papers friendly to him declare him innocent of any evil and hold him up as an ill used man, a kind of political martyr in fact.

Some excitement has been created in Leadville by the discovery that the plan and description of locations recorded by surveyors are in many cases incorrect, involving the locators in expense and difficulty when they do not lose their claims. It is always best to hire a competent surveyor at the first.

The boom for Hendricks for president appears to be confined to the Democracy of Indiana. It is one fact in his favor however that he has always been put on a ticket when the chances were the most desperate, and his may be the case this time.

More about the Schools.

Editor Las Vegas GAZETTE.

I believe there has been something in the GAZETTE in reply to my few "plain questions," I have not read it and probably shall not. I offer the following general observations and remarks. 1st. Here is a million of dollars more or less now in my hands which I will promptly pay to the man who can give a reason which will be satisfactory to our taxpayers why we have no public school in Las Vegas and who can explain satisfactorily also why our public school expired just when it did. 2d. I was in the Post office of Las Vegas, Saturday Aug. 30th. A. D. 1879 and a gentleman was there who seemed to be reading just then the Las Vegas GAZETTE of that date. He said to me "Here is one question I can answer any how." "What question?" said I. "Is there a man in San Miguel Co., etc." "Well what answer can you give to the question?" "I was in the meeting of the Board of Commissioners last fall and heard the motion and know just what disposition was made of the money." "Well what disposition was made of it?" "It was voted to the Jesuits and the Sisters." That man may have well lied, I don't know. His words if true have little effect on my mind the prevailing belief, and universal conviction are just as strong and deep without that gentleman's statement as with it although he was and is just as likely to tell the truth as the rest of us so far as I know. The 3d thing I offer is this note which I received through the post office very recently.

LAS VEGAS N. M. Aug. 30 1877.

J. A. Annin Dear Sir. Great credit is due you and your association in regard to our Public School. The Robbing of our school money must be stopped at once. A. FREETHINKER.

Which note also is without effect on me in reference to the main question. I do indeed thank any man who is disposed to take a hand in putting a stop to this robbing, if any robbing exists and if there is no robbing where is the money?

But the note itself of course can have no effect on any mind in producing any conviction concerning the real administration of the school fund. That conviction rests on grounds entirely different in their nature.

4th. I think I know what prevailing belief and uncontradicted report are and anybody can learn all about it if he wishes to do so. I say uncontradicted I mean of course except by the Jesuits themselves who plead not guilty of course, as every other prisoner at the bar does (yes gentlemen you are at the bar of public opinion.) And we all know further all who have read any know what "the greater glory of god" requires at the hands or tongues of the members of the Holy Fraternity.

The mistake which these gentlemen are continually making is the mistake of supposing that nobody in this town can read or has ever read history.

5th. And this is my last remark. Here I drop the subject for the present.

"Mr. Annin is at liberty if he find it beneficial to his health &c" (GAZETTE for Friday Aug. 29.) Let not my fellow citizens suppose for a moment that there is anything in that language of the nature of a threat. Not at all, very far from it. The members of that holy brotherhood would not touch a hair of the head of any living thing. Why they "would not needlessly set foot upon a worm." They are only deeply solicitous, you know, that in the mysterious and inscrutable providence of the Lord I should be suddenly seized with a fatal attack of "hole through me." That is all.

Gentlemen where is the tax money? Are we all fools?

J. A. ANNIN.

The annual gold production of the state of California is estimated at but sixteen millions of dollars per year. Twenty years ago California led the world in the amount of gold mined while now Russia's produce exceeds that of California by one half. Silver is now the metal of the United States.

Arizona Trade.

The Arizona correspondent of the Chicago Inter-Ocean writing from Prescott says: While San Francisco has been selling goods to merchants here she has been condemning the mines of Arizona, and commanding as she does, the press, has kept Eastern capital from coming here in order that she might divert it to the development of the mines nearer her own doors. She has made Prescott a hewer of wood and drawer of water, and the servant does not love the master. Prescott merchants are inclined just now to figure with Chicago wholesale houses, and I believe, after somewhat careful investigation, Chicago can freight goods 600 miles from the terminus of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad at Las Vegas, and drive San Francisco from this market. The business in general merchandise of Prescott alone is about \$2,000,000 a year, and with the development of her mines business must of course greatly increase. This development has been slow and halting, for causes I have mentioned in other letters, though a marked improvement in the attitude of capital toward mining enterprises is more noticeable.

Mormons on the Little Colorado

A private letter lately received from a gentleman on the Little Colorado expresses surprise at the number of settlements and number of people in each settlement along that stream. He says they are making hundreds of streams and producing about all they need to live comfortably. They mostly live in towns, but each has his own land to cultivate on the outside, as was the case in the early settlements of Utah. The writer says that but for the generally known fact that these people or Mormons there is nothing in their conduct that would lead the ordinary observer to suppose they were other than settlers of the praiseworthy character usually found on the frontier, except their common industry and thrift would excite such a supposition.—Arizona Citizen.

Edison Still Hopeful.

From a communication just received from Menlo park, the writer learns that steady progress is being made in the solution of the electric light problem. The cost of the platinum alloy for the lamps has been so reduced that the expense of the whole burner will be even less than an ordinary gas bracket. The standard meter for measuring the electricity fed to the burners has been improved, and Mr. Edison has perfected a method of insulating and conveying the wires from the generating stations to the house of the consumer. He is certain that this generator cannot be improved. He shows that ninety-four per cent. of horse power is given out in the electric current, and eighty-two is delivered in the wire outside of the machine. Eight-ninths of the current is used for the light, and one-ninth is lost in the machine. His latest experiments give seven gas jets per horse power. His later experiments bid fair to yield satisfactory results, and he is already willing to declare it a success.—Osage Times.

A Relic of the Past.

(From the Virginia City Chronicle.)

In the early days, long before the discovery of the Comstock lode, the Washoe Indians used to have lead in abundance. Where they got it was a mystery which emigrants could not solve. Fremont, in his account of his travels across the continent, states that he purchased lead from these Indians. He was not able to learn where they found it, or how they melted it from the ore. Upon this point the savages were strangely silent. About a thousand feet east of the Scorpion claim there is a place which bears every appearance of having been the locality in which the Indians carried on the process of smelting. There is a big stone now broken in halves, which contained a basin about twelve feet in diameter, cut out as regularly as though done by man—ous skilled in the use of steel tools. The stone was at least forty feet wide when intact. There are also the remains of furnace fires, in the form of charcoal ashes, etc. There is also much slag scattered over the surface of the ground. An old trail leads from this point to Flowery, where there is a ledge of carbonaceous of lead which was found to have been worked when first discovered by the whites. The Indians, it is supposed, carried the lead ore to the place of smelting, on account of the abundance of timber thereabouts. What they did with the lead, further than to use it for ornaments and to trade for other things with neighboring tribes, is not known. At this time the arms were scarcely known among them, the bow and arrow being the only deadly weapon which they used for killing game.

Davis and Davis would make good Democratic ticket in 1880. The North could rally round Davis and the South whip it up for Jeff.—Cincinnati Gazette.

Killed by a horse thief.

Wichita, Kan., September 1.—Richard Stevenson, United States deputy marshal, was shot to death in Kingman county Saturday, by a horse thief, who escaped to the Indian Territory. He arrested the thief at Wellington, and was returning with the prisoner and property to Kingman. The men were in a carriage. In descending a sudden declivity the thief snatched Stevenson's revolver and shot him through the breast. He then mounted the best horse and fled.

Coinage.

Philadelphia, August 30.—The coinage executed at the United States mint in this city during August aggregates 1,894,230 pieces, valued at \$2,233,497. Of this amount \$1,976,950 were silver dollars.

Yellow fever continues unabated at Memphis.

More farmers are leaving England for the United States.

Active efforts are making at New Orleans to check the yellow fever.

The official majority of Blackburn for Governor of Kentucky is 43,917.

Illicit whiskey makers in Alabama have been visiting the United States officials again.

The National gold bank and trust company of San Francisco has gone into liquidation.

It is generally believed that Cornell who is Conkling's candidate will be nominated for governor of New York by the coming Republican convention.

The Phoenix Arizona Herald is to be changed to a daily. W. J. O'Neill of Washington D. C. will be on the staff.

Two companies of the Sixth cavalry and two of the Twelfth infantry, are stationed at Camp Verde, Arizona.

Arizona papers are confident that the mines of that territory are superior to those of California and Nevada.

A few days ago the GAZETTE gave an account of the hanging of two men at Phoenix Arizona; one of them Kellogg was hung for killing Luke Monohan. The evidence shows it to have been a cold blooded murder the victim having been shot in the back by Kellogg who was laying in wait for him as he was returning from town.

The treasury department has placed \$15,000,000 in gold to the credit of the assay office in New York to be used in payment for foreign gold coin and gold bars now being received in payment of the balance due this country.

Fashionable Preaching.

As he was ascending the pulpit steps, one of the elders button-holed him to whisper an additional caution: "The liquor dealer has just come into the church and he gives us a lift sometimes. I wish you would be particular not to allude to the whiskey business or the temperance question. The young minister, getting frightened to see the moral ground thus steadily narrowing before him, inquired: "Whom or what shall I preach against, then?" The elder's reply came like an air of triumph. "Preach against the Mormons; they haven't got a friend in town."

Romantic young ladies who would like to encounter some great danger, be rescued by a handsome young man with a curling mustache, and afterward marry him, should go west. This delightful experience was recently enjoyed by a lady who was visiting a friend in Dubuque, Iowa. The girls went out to drive, the horse ran away, the stranger faint, the danger was great. Up rose a gallant young fellow, stepped the horse, brought water from a spring and dashed it in the fair one's face took the girl to his mother's house, and drove them home in his own buggy. The glimpse which the reviving maiden caught of that shining eye and that gracefully shaded upper lip did the business. She was married to the beautiful young man one evening last week.

A sportsman, who, during the shooting season, had gone to pass a week with a friend in the country, on the strength of a general invitation, instead of waiting for a special one, said to his annoyed host: "I saw some beautiful scenery as I came to-day by the upper road?" "You will see still finer," was the reply, "as you go back to-morrow by the lower one."

The Detroit Free Press declares that no one but a statesman will waste over two minutes trying to fight a case by scratching a wooden toothpick against a table.

Gambetta is as lavish in his entertainments and as reckless of expense as he is of his language in the Chamber of Deputies. A recent fete cost him \$30,000, just \$10,000 more than his salary as President of the Chamber. The affair was lavish in the last degree. Seas of beer flowed, lakes of claret, oceans of champagne says the Standard. It is hinted that a wealthy political partisan found a good deal of the cash for this expense.

One of the confidential employees in the executive department of the United States signal service died of a broken heart last week because he had thoughtlessly omitted to send a three-hours' rain upon a happy Sunday-school picnic. Poor man! And now he has gone to a country where the barometer never indicates rain areas or even so much as "cloudy or threatening weather."—Burlington Hawk-eye.

The story going the rounds that "Bob" Ingersoll has gone over to the Democracy is wide of the truth. Col. Ingersoll has called a convention of liberals to meet in Cincinnati, for the purpose, he says, of consultation as to the propriety of forming a new political party, that shall "be nonsectarian, the object which will be to do away with ghosts that haunt, superstitions that control, and all laws that deny civil rights to honest men; and also to reclaim for the use of man the seventh day."

No one blames a business-man for wanting his sign to convey a big idea of his business, but a Vermont blacksmith, in a hamlet of 400 people, rather overdoes the thing when his sign reads, "Foreign and domestic horses shod here."

Heavy dust storm yesterday making a most disagreeable day. The dust is the worst feature of our climate.

A man, who from his position ought to know, says that some men against whom indictment were returned by the grand jury have been seen in town of late and no effort was made to arrest them.

A Good many persons on first arriving here are troubled with coughs and colds and a tendency to catarrh is seriously aggravated but after a time the effect of the pure air is seen and a complete cure results. This may not be an invariable rule, but it is certain such has been the result in many cases.

Reports from all the western states indicate that the corn crop will be immense with a great increase in the number of feeding hogs. Foreign demands to be supplied promise an active market at low prices, but with the crops as they are little or no advance in prices.

Genl. J. B. Hood who died a few days ago at New Orleans, left a history of the war from a rebel standpoint in manuscript. He probably made a large per cent by dying before its appearance in print.

The people in the eastern cities are counting the days till the mosquito song shall cease for the season. While in this favored land it is heard so seldom that the presence of one of a blood thirsty brotherhood is worth making a note of.

Brookside Cottage!

This House has been newly refurnished throughout. Rooms well ventilated and cheerful. Everything connected with the establishment clean, comfortable and attractive.

THE TABLE INVITING.

The patronage of the traveling public is invited.

Judge S. A. Hubbell, Prop'r.

Las Vegas, New Mexico.